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Applicant: NISHIDA, Hidemitsu et al.
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For: AROMATIC COMPOUNDS HAVING CYCLIC
AMINO GROUPS AND SALTS THEREOF

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 13, 2000

Sir:

The following Remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement issued on November 13, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims into the following groups under PCT Rule 13.1

Group I - Claims 1-9, 11-14 and 16, drawn to compounds, compositions and methods of treatment using formula I, wherein X is -CH and Y represents N, one of G₁ to G₃ is N and G₄ is -CH. And, compounds of formula (VI).

Group II - Claims 1-4 and 10-14, drawn to compounds, compositions and methods of treatment using formula I, wherein both X and Y are N, and wherein all of G₁ to G₄ are -CH or one of G₁ to G₄ is N while the others are -CH.